

GIRL WIRELESS OPERATOR SAYS SHE WILL STICK



Miss Edith V. Coombs.

Edith V. Coombs, 19 years old, sailed recently from San Francisco on the steamer Roanoke as the wireless operator. She has the proud distinction of being the first girl to leave port on the Pacific coast holding that position. She will earn a salary of \$40 a month, including meals and quarters.

Miss Coombs is an orphan. Nine months ago she obtained the position of stenographer to Supt. R. Y. Cadmus of the wireless service at the custom house. She took an interest in telegraphy and is now a skilled operator.

"I have never been to sea," she told our reporter, "but I have made up my mind I will make good."

"Supposing there is a wreck and you have to send out 'S. O. S.' will you stick to your post and not run away frightened?" she was asked.

"I think women have always shown they will face any danger